

SUNBURST ~ December 2022

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HOA PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The year has gone by very quickly and Thanksgiving has left us full of things we are thankful for.

As the year comes to an end, we look back at the storms that left some of us with needed repairs and some none. The HOA has filed an insurance claim to cover the needed repair expenses. The insurance adjuster numbers made it very clear we are very under insured. We are still waiting on the insurance company to provide the HOA with adjustment for the pool patio cover and the seawall damages.

The properties around the park are looking ok for the damages caused by the hurricane, just keep working at full recovery and I know this might take a while. I would suggest we all spend time to check our own properties for non-working front lights, siding that may need cleaning or painting, and missing trim.

The HOA board is looking at the high inflation rate as it relates to insurance, electric cost and propane as it relates to operational cost. Our spending is over the 2022/23 budget numbers. The cost of operation of the HOA will be going up in 2023/24. The long-range capital numbers do not look any better. The dollars for major replacement items were rechecked in Nov. 2022 with the current cost as we look forward 3 to 5 years. The annual HOA business meeting is Jan 12, 2023, at 9 AM in the club house. All of you will be getting the business ballot, budget, and covenant bylaw revisions sent to you by e-mail, snail mail or hand delivered, however you requested, during the week of Dec 18, 2022.

I hope all of you will have a great Christmas and Happy New Year. **Steve Mills**

LADIES AND GENTS

The Lake N Golf Annual Golf Cart Parade/Christmas Party will be held on December 17th. The parade will start around 5pm and the party will start after the parade. We will be awarding prizes for the top 3 decorated golf carts. Please bring an appetizer to share, punch will be provided. I am asking everyone who participates in the parade to please have your golf cart or bicycle in front of the clubhouse at 4:15 to line up so the parade can start at 5pm



Come join us for Lake N Golf's Annual New Year's Eve Party, sponsored by Ladies and Gents. Come dance the night away with Buddy and Diane. We will be giving away door prizes so keep your tickets with you. We will also have a 50/50 raffle, 6 tickets for \$5

Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Tickets are on sale now; you can purchase them every Tuesday morning at coffee and donuts or stop by my home on Canterbury Dr. Tickets are \$10 each. So come on down to the clubhouse and bring the New

Year in with us.

Robbin Rogers

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to!



TOYS FOR TOTS I am again collecting new unwrapped toys. With your help we can make this a great year for the kids. Please drop off your gifts at Barbara Ekiss' 6763 Brentwood Dr., before December 17th. Thank you all for your contribution.
Pam Schwanda

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY

To remove your name from lists: Mail – www.dmachoice.org This does cost \$4 for 10 years, but you can add multiple addresses (especially helpful for snowbirds) Phone – donotcall.gov This is only retained for 10 years, so you can check to see how long it has been since you registered, or if it has been longer than 10 years, you can register again. **Robocalls** – In many cases robocalls are used to facilitate identity theft. Be skeptical of your caller ID, as it could be spoofed by a criminal to make it look like the call is coming from a federal agency like the IRS or Social Security Administration. As a rule, don't give information to people who contact you by phone. Many mobile carriers such as Verizon for instance that provides a free robocall blocker. Check with your mobile carrier to see if they provide a free robocall blocker. **Some key resources:** FTC – 1-877-IDTHEFT; www.identitytheft.gov Internet Fraud – www.ic3.gov



LuAnn Hurley

LADIES LUNCHEON FOR DECEMBER

December's Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 12-14 at The Sizzling Grill, located at 21400 US 27, Lake Wales. We will be meeting at the clubhouse at 12:30 and sharing rides, lunch will be at 1:00. A sign-up sheet will be in the clubhouse hallway, please sign-up so that we are able to give the restaurant an accurate head count. Please join us for a nice time.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas Day there will be a Potluck in the clubhouse at 1:00 PM. Everyone is invited just bring a dish to share. A sign up will be in the clubhouse so that we don't end up with



5 trays of deviled eggs 😊 not that there is anything wrong with deviled eggs. Please bring your own table service and a beverage of your choice.

CITY OF WINTER HAVEN DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The city is giving you an opportunity to dispose of your household hazardous waste, including paint cans and electronics on Saturday, December 3 from 8:00 am until noon. This will be held at the Chain-O-Lakes Complex located at 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven. More information can be found on the City of Winter Haven website or on Facebook page City of Winter Haven, FL (City Gov't.)

LAKE REGION VILLAGE CARPORT SALES Dale Moore would like to invite all her former neighbors and friends from L &G to the carport sales in her new neighborhood on December 10 from 8 until noon. Dale is inviting you to stop at her home at 343 Badger Ln for a cookie and conversation!

OTHER WINTER HAVEN DECEMBER EVENTS "Mistletoe Market, Babes doing Business" Venue 650 on Friday 12-2 at 650 6th St. SW, supporting small businesses owned by women. "Haines City Christmas Parade" 12-3 @ 4:30 starting at 555 Ledwith Ave. "Carols in the Park" Saturday 12-3 at 10 AM, 263 W. Central Ave. "Walking in a Winter Vendorland" Saturday, 12-10 at 11:00, 1800 Cypress Gardens Blvd. Check on City of Winter Haven web page for more events.



WILD-ly Focused



WILD-Ly Focused Fun Facts

I'm sure most have seen this bird down by our dock or resting in nearby trees. This bird is called an Anhinga, getting its name from the Brazilian Tupi Indian language meaning "devil bird" or "snake bird". It is also called a Darter, American Darter or Water Turkey. When they are on the hunt, swimming through water, only their neck appears above the water and it looks like a snake ready to

strike. They can stay under water for almost a minute. They eat mostly small to medium sized fish. They also eat insects, shrimp, crayfish and sometimes even small alligators or snakes. Sometimes they spear a fish so hard they have to return to shore to bang the fish against a rock to remove it.

Males are glossy black and green iridescence with silver grey wings. Females are similar except that they have a light brown head, neck, and upper chest. Juveniles are born bare, and they are at first all brown before they get their adult colors. Anhinga's are often confused with Double Crested Cormorant's due to size and shape, but the tail of the Anhinga is wider and longer than the Cormorant. Also, the bill of the Anhinga is pointed, and the Cormorant has a hook-tipped bill.

The Anhinga does not have oil glands or water repellent feathers so you will often see them perched with their back towards the sun, wings feathered out, to dry and warm their bodies in the sun. They cannot fly extended distances with wet feathers.

Anhinga's are monogamous in nature and use one nest for breeding again and again. Females lay between 2-5 eggs. Both parents incubate for about 25-30 days. Baby chick's start to fly at about 6 weeks but stay with the parents a few weeks longer then they are on their own. For more Florida wildlife pictures and information, visit my Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075950358721&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

BobbyJo Charloux

LAKE REGION SHOW Phyllis Roalstad has tickets for the December 13 show. You can purchase tickets for \$15 each at Coffee and Donuts or see Phyllis at her home. The show is titled "Holiday Spectacular" and starts at 7:30. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.



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